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FRIDAY.

THE XVTH AMENDMENT.

CONGRATULATORY LETTER OF THE PRESIDENT.

PROCLAMATION OF RATIFICATION.

NEW YORK AND INDIANA COUNTIES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—To the Senate and House of Representatives: It is unusual to notify the two Houses of Congress by a message of proclamations or by proclamation of the Secretary of State, of the ratification of a Constitutional Amendment. In view, however, of the vast importance of the Fifteenth Amendment, the Constitution, this day declared a part of that sacred instrument, I deem a departure from the usual custom justifiable. A measure which makes at once four millions of people voters who were heretofore declared by the highest tribunal in the land not citizens of the United States, nor eligible to become so, with an assertion that, at the time of declaration of independence, the opinion was fixed and universal in civilized portions of the white race, and regarded as an axiom in morals as well as in politics, that black men had no rights which white men were bound to respect, is indeed a measure of grander importance than any other act of the kind; from the foundation of our free Government to the present time. Institutions like ours, in which all power is derived directly from the people, must depend mainly on their intelligence, patriotism and industry.

I call the attention, therefore, of the newly enfranchised race to the importance of their striving in every honorable manner to make themselves worthy of their new privilege. To the race more favored heretofore by our laws I would say with hold no legal privilege of advancement to the new citizens. The framers of our Constitution firmly believed that a Republican form of government could not endure without intelligence and education generally diffused among the people. The Father of his country in his far well address used this language: "Promote, then, as a matter of primary importance, institution for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of the government gives force in public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened." His first annual message to Congress the same views were forcibly presented, and are again urged in his eighth message.

I repeat that the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution completes the greatest civil change, and constitutes the most important event that has occurred since the nation came into life, and that change will be beneficial in proportion to the heed that is given to the urgent recommendations of Washington. If these recommendations were important then, with a population of but a few millions, how much more important now, with a population of forty millions, and increasing at a rapid ratio.

I would, therefore, call upon Congress to take all means in their Constitutional power to promote and encourage popular education throughout the country, and upon the people everywhere to see to it that all who possess and exercise political rights shall have opportunity to acquire knowledge which will make their share in the government a blessing and not a danger, by such means only can the benefits contemplated by this amendment of the Constitution be secured.

(Signed) U. S. GRANT.

THE PROCLAMATION.

To all whom these presents may come: greeting: Know ye that the Congress of the United States, on or about the 27th day of February, in the year 1869, passed a resolution, in words and figures following, to-wit:

A resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States—Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of the Legislatures, shall be valid as a part of the constitution, viz:

ARTICLE FIFTEENTH.

SECTION 1. The rights of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, previous condition of servitude.

Sec. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

And further, That it appears from official document on file in the department, that the amendment to the constitution of the United States, proposed as aforesaid, has been ratified by the Legislatures of the States of North Carolina, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Maine, Louisiana, Michigan, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, New York, New Hampshire, Nevada, Vermont, Missouri, Virginia, Alabama, Kansas, Mississippi, Minnesota, Ohio, Rhode Island, Nebraska, and Texas—in all, 29 States; and further, that the States whose Legislatures have so ratified said proposed amendment constitute three-fourths of the whole number of States in the United States.

And further, that it appears from an official document on file in the department, that the Legislature of the State of New York has since passed resolutions claiming to withdraw said ratification of said amendment, which had been made by the Legislature of that State, and of which official notice had been filed in this department.

And further, that it appears from an official document on file in this department, that the Legislature of the State of Georgia has by resolution ratified said proposed amendment;

Now, therefore, be it known that I

Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State of the United States, by virtue and in pursuance of the second section of act of Congress approved 20th day of April, in year 1868, entitled, "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States and for other purposes," do hereby certify that the amendment aforesaid has become valid to all intents and purposes, as a part of the constitution of the United States.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the department of State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1870, and of the independence of the United States the 94th.

(Signed) HAMILTON FISH.

Dr. J. L. Kirkpatrick is President of Washington College during the absence of General Lee.

The St. Nicholas Billiard Hall is one of the largest and best furnished in the country. It is the resort of both citizens and strangers who indulge in billiard playing.

Janet.

ELECTION NOTICES.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 11th day of April, next, at the Arab Engine House, in Township No. 15, range one west, in Alexander County, Illinois, an election will be held for one Trustee of School District No. 15, Township 15, south range one west, County of Alexander, State of Illinois, for the purpose of electing one Trustee. The polls will be open at nine o'clock A.M. and close at half past five P.M. of the same day.

Forster of the Trustees of Schools of said Township.

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